

UKF3A World Cup Competition 2026

Phoenix Model Flying Club, UK

13th / 14th June 2026

Bulletin 1

Organisers

UKF3A will host an **F3A World Cup** competition at **Phoenix Model Flying Club** on **13–14 June 2026**, on behalf of the British Model Flying Association.

Phoenix Model Flying Club

Located in Hertfordshire, adjacent to the M25 motorway junction 22 to the north of London, the club offers the luxury of dawn-to-dusk flying, where the 110m x 130m grass field has a flightline perfectly oriented, with the sun rising and setting just outside the F3A box for unobstructed visibility.

The clubhouse provides mains electricity, kitchen, plus charging benches and toilet facilities.



Location

Entrance What3Words: <https://what3words.com/march.sends.farmer>

Site What3Words: <https://what3words.com/donor.tinsel.grant>

Arrival Point	Distance	Average Travel Time
Eurotunnel Le Shuttle	95 miles / 153 km	1 hr 40 to 2 hr 20
Dover Port	102 miles / 164 km	1 hr 40 to 2 hr 20
Portsmouth Port	90 miles / 145 km	1 hr 30 to 2 hr 10
London Gatwick Airport	64 miles / 103 km	1 hr 05 to 1 hr 40
London Stansted Airport	37 miles / 60 km	0 hr 30 to 1 hr 00
London Heathrow Airport	30 miles / 48 km	0 hr 30 to 1 hr 00
Luton Airport	18 miles / 29 km	0 hr 22 to 0 hr 30

Travel Information

Valid passport

ETA (Electronic Travel Authorization) – see exemptions: <https://www.gov.uk/eta/when-not-need-eta>

CAA Operator ID: You must register for a UK CAA Operator ID and display it on your aircraft. Non-UK competitors will be issued with an Operator ID free of charge by the organiser.

CAA Flyer ID: You must pass the UK online theory test to get a Flyer ID (free, valid for 5 years). Information on how to complete the test will be given to non-UK competitors on entry.

Electricity is 220V 50Hz 3-pin plug.

Currency is the British Pound (GBP) and Credit / Debit cards are accepted in most places.

Driving is on the left.

Accommodation

Holiday Inn Express St. Albans, AL22 1AB

Premier Inn St. Albans / Bricket Wood Hotel, AL2 3PN

Camping is available on the field but there is no supply of electricity or water

Contest Director

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FAI Jury President

To be confirmed

FAI Jury Members

To be confirmed

Judges

Mr Ross DONOVAN (GBR)

Mr Laurent LEGRAND (FRA)

Mr Roland POIDEVIN (FRA)

Mr Stephen BURGESS (GBR)

Mr Al WILLIAMS (GBR)

Sixth judge to be confirmed

Competition Format

Friday

The site will be available for practice flying all day.

Saturday

Three preliminary rounds of Schedule P-27 with each round normalised to 1,000 points.

Sunday

Top 50% of pilots after the preliminary rounds:

One final round of Schedule F-27, normalised to 1,000 points.

Final classification for the F3A World Cup – the best two scores from the preliminary rounds added to the score from the final round.

All other pilots:

One final round of Schedule P-27, normalised to 1000 points.

Final classification – the best two scores from the preliminary rounds will be used for the World Cup classification. The best two scores from the preliminary rounds added to the score from the final round will be used for UKF3A National League classification.

If there are delays due to adverse weather, the final rounds may be cancelled.

If there are fewer than 25 competitors, it may be possible to increase the number of preliminary and / or final rounds, subject to approval of the format by the F3A World Cup coordinator. In this case, competitors will be notified of the revised format no later than one week before the start of the competition.

If there are 20 competitors or fewer, we also plan to offer a bonus round using an unknown schedule generated in accordance with the FAI F3A rules. This schedule will be generated and distributed on Saturday evening after completion of three preliminary rounds. This round will not be used for classification for the World Cup, but will offer pilots and judges the opportunity to fly and judge an unknown schedule in a competition environment. If we offer this, we hope it will be useful for any pilot preparing for the 2026 F3A European Championship.

Results and trophies will be awarded on Sunday after the last flight and calculations are complete.

Competitor Requirements

All competitors must hold a valid FAI Sporting Licence issued by their National Aero Club.

The organisers do not accept any liability and all pilots must hold suitable insurance. In most cases, insurance for a competitor's home country is also valid for other countries but we recommend that competitors check their insurance.

Model Aircraft Requirements

All model aircraft must meet the requirements of the FAI Sporting Code General Section and Section 4 – Aeromodelling Volume F3 Radio Control Model Aircraft 2026 Edition.

Only spread spectrum radio control systems are allowed (2.4GHz).

The competition will be run in accordance with the FAI Sporting Code 2026 edition.

Entry Fees

Entries must be received by 31st May 2026.

The number of competitors is limited to **30 Pilots** and Registration will be done in chronological order.

The entry fee is GBP 80. This is payable at the time of registration.

Payments can be made by card or Apple Pay using the following entry form:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/UKF3A1/UKF3AWorldCupUKEntry13th14thJune2026>

Meals

Lunch will be provided on the site on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at a cost of GBP12.

A two-course meal will be held on Saturday evening at a venue close to the site. This will be a three-course meal at a cost of GBP25.

Protests

All protests must be presented in written form to the Contest Director during the competition and must be accompanied by deposit of a fee of €70. The deposit is only returned if the protest is deemed admissible.